

Appl. No. 10/050,004
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Reply to Office Action of November 13, 2003

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-10, 13-19, and 21-28 are pending in the present patent application.

Claims 2, 5, 10, 13, 19, 21, and 28 have been amended. No new matter has been added to the amended claims.

Claims 1 and 12 are canceled in the present amendment. Claims 11, 20, and 29 were canceled in a previous amendment. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The office action allowed claims 2-10, 13-19, and 21-28.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 2, 5, 10, 13, 19, 21, and 28 have been amended to correct typographical errors and to further clarify the language of these claims. Applicants believe the amended claims are still allowable.

Prior Art Rejections of Claims 1 and 12

The office action rejected claims 1, 7, and 12 as being obvious in light of U.S. Patent 5,905,291 to Utsunomiya et al. Claims 1 and 12 have been canceled.

Applicants wish to point out that the first subset of the first capacitors does not have to be an odd number of capacitors, as noted in the office action.

CONCLUSION

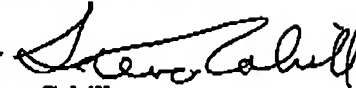
In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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